

**Maryland Board of Pharmacy  
Public Meeting Minutes**

**April 16, 2008**

Name	Title	Today's Attendance		Year-to-Date Attendance	
		Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Anderson, C.	Commissioner	x		4	0
Bonnett, M.	Commissioner	x		4	0
Bradley-Baker, L.	Commissioner	x		4	0
Chason, D.	Commissioner/Secretary	x		4	0
Finke, H.	Commissioner	x		4	0
Handelman, M.	Commissioner	x		3	1
Israbian-Jamgochian, L.	Commissioner	x		4	0
Leandre, A.	Commissioner	x		4	0
Souranis, M.	Commissioner/Treasurer	x		4	0
Taylor, D.	Commissioner/President	x		4	0
Taylor, R.	Commissioner	x		4	0
Zimmer, R.	Commissioner	x		4	0
Bethman, L.	Board Counsel	x		4	0
Banks, T.	MIS Manager	x		4	0
Costley, S.	Licensing Manager	x		4	0
Eversley, C.	Compliance Investigator	x		4	0
Gaither, P.	Administration and Public Support Manager	x		4	0
Goodman, S.	Public Information Officer	x		4	0
Jeffers, A.	Legislation/Regulations Manager	x		4	0
Naesea, L.	Executive Director	x		4	0
Taylor, A.	Compliance Officer	x		4	0

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I. Introductions	Donald Taylor, Board President	<p>Members of the Board with a conflict of interest relating to any item on the agenda were asked to notify the Board at this time or at any time during the meeting. Visitors were asked to introduce themselves.</p> <p>1. D. Taylor proposed that the Committee chairs be rotated at least every two years.</p> <p>2. D. Taylor presented an Open Letter to Permit Holders regarding Permit Holder policies mandating prescription wait times in retail pharmacies.</p> <p>3. D. Taylor proposed that the Board publish guidance on the requirements for ongoing Quality Assurance Programs for Permit Holders. The requirements include documentation of a systems approach and structured programs. Newsletter articles and links to websites including ISMP, the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations and NABP will be provided.</p>	<p>2. Motion: R. Zimmer moved to accept the letter as proposed. C. Anderson seconded the motion.</p>	<p>2. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>3. Action Item: S. Goodman to prepare articles for Board review and research links to educational resources.</p>

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		<p>4. D. Taylor introduced the new pharmacy inspectors Nancy Richards and Joseph Taylor and asked them to provide a brief summary of their work experience backgrounds.</p> <p>5. D. Taylor asked the Commissioners to send nominations for Board officers to L. Naesea within the next week for the elections scheduled for the May meeting.</p>		<p>5. Action Item: Commissioners to send officer nominations to L. Naesea by April 23, 2008.</p>
II. Approval of the Minutes	Donald Taylor, Board President	<p>Revisions to Minutes: Approval of Minutes: March 19, 2008.</p> <p>1. Page 2, Section II, B.1. Change "biannual" to "biennial."</p> <p>2. Page 4, Section V, 6. Change "are" to "is."</p> <p>3. Page 4, Section V, 9. Delete "...describing the DDC role ..."to end of sentence. Add " describing the changes in the DDC role, recommendations for preparing for the inspection process and the method to resolve questions that arise from the inspection process."</p> <p>4. Page 5, Section VIII, 3. Change "pharmacist" to "pharmacy."</p> <p>5. Page 6, Section IX, 3. Change "Annual Minority Conference" to "Health Care Disparities Conference."</p>	<p>Motion: M. Souranis moved to accept the minutes as amended. H. Finke seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Board Action: The Board voted to approve the minutes as amended</p>
III. Executive Director	LaVerne Naesea, Executive Director	<p>1. L. Naesea reported that interviews are being conducted for the Executive Secretary and Receptionist positions and that a freeze exemption has been requested for the remaining inspector position. Recruitment will begin again for the pharmacist inspector and interviews will be scheduled for the remaining pharmacy technician inspector position.</p> <p>2. L Naesea reported that informal feedback on the Legislative Audit has been positive and that minor issues that occur with many Boards will be addressed in the formal report.</p> <p>3. L. Naesea reported that purchases of laptop computers for Commissioners will be postponed until the beginning of the next fiscal year and that Commissioners requiring laptops should contact T. Banks. Wireless connectivity for the meeting rooms has been requested and should be available by July 2008.</p> <p>4. L. Naesea reported that the Executive Committee has proposed that the Board approve a fee structure for requests for copies of licensee rosters and Public Information Requests (PIR) to help reduce the need to raise pharmacists' and technicians' licensure fees. The proposed fee structure was provided on the secure website. The Executive Committee recommended that the fee for mailing labels for technicians be raised to \$150 to be consistent with the fee for mailing labels for pharmacists.</p>	<p>4. Motion: Executive Committee moved to approve the motion. M. Bonnett seconded the motion.</p>	<p>3. Action Item: Commissioners to request laptop computers from T. Banks.</p> <p>4. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>4. Action Item: A. Jeffers to prepare draft regulation language for fee structure change.</p>

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		Type	Duplicate Document	Good Standing Verification	Returned Checks	Mailing Label Rosters	Failure to Maintain Correct Address		
		Fee	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	Tech \$150 Pharm \$150.00	\$25.00		
		5. L. Naesea reported on the NABP Annual Meeting scheduled for May 17 to May 20, 2008. Staff members have volunteered to provide operational support and Commissioners are asked to participate in receptions and the NABP Showcase.							
IV. Board Counsel Report	Linda Bethman, Board Counsel	L. Bethman recommended that the topic of Drug Therapy Management Protocol Disclaimer Language be tabled pending further review by her Office.							
V. NABP Resolutions	Donald Taylor, Board President	<p>D. Taylor presented the proposed NABP resolutions to the Board to obtain the Board's positions.</p> <p>Resolution 1. That NABP work with the FDA and USP and other standardizing organizations to propose national standards for TALL MAN lettering, require use of TALL MAN lettering by all manufacturers and require that software systems be amended to recognize TALL MAN lettering.</p> <p>Resolution 2. That the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy create and maintain a secure, electronic message board or similar communications tool whereby state boards of pharmacy can exchange information and ideas in a timely, convenient manner.</p>						<p>1. Motion: C. Anderson moved to approve Board support of the resolution. R. Zimmer seconded the motion</p> <p>2. Motion: D. Chason moved to support the Board's recommendation to revise the resolution to require a method to secure and limit access to authorized Boards' staff. C. Anderson seconded the motion.</p>	<p>1. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>2. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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		<p>Resolution 3. That NABP develop recommendations to standardize the time a student may be registered as an intern for pharmacy experience education before the beginning of the P1 year.</p> <p>Resolution 4. That NABP consider Saskatchewan as an associate member and that Saskatchewan be assigned to District 5.</p> <p>Resolution 5. That NASBP amend the model rules for Pharmacy Practice to include in the patient's label the generic name of the drug when a brand name is prescribed and dispensed.</p> <p>Resolution 6. That NABP establish a task force to study the feasibility of a standardized education requirement for registration or licensure as a pharmacy technician and that the task force recommend language for the model act addressing standardized educational requirements.</p>	<p>3. Motion: C. Anderson moved to approve Board support of the resolution. R. Zimmer seconded the motion</p> <p>4. Motion: L. Israbian-Jamgochian moved to approve Board support of the resolution. M. Souranis seconded the motion.</p> <p>5. Motion: L. Israbian-Jamgochian moved for the Board to oppose the resolution. H. Finke seconded the motion.</p> <p>6. Motion: C. Anderson moved to approve Board support of the resolution. R. Taylor seconded the motion.</p>	<p>3. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>4. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>5. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>6. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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VI. DEA Questionnaire	Harry Finke, Commissioner	H. Finke reported that pharmacies have received questionnaires from wholesalers requesting information on anticipated use of controlled substances based on unspecified requirements published by the DEA. The DEA has not provided any guidance or feedback on the reasons for the requirement for additional documentation.	Motion: H. Finke, moved to have the Practice Committee address the issue through a letter from the Board to the DEA requesting clarification of the requirements R. Zimmer seconded the motion.	Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion directing the Practice Committee to develop a letter to the DEA.																									
V. Division of Drug Control	Ann Taylor, Compliance Officer	<div>1. A. Taylor presented the Division of Drug Control Report for March 2008.</div> <table><tr><td>Type</td><td>Total</td><td>Retail</td><td>Institutional</td><td>Distributors</td></tr><tr><td>Inspections</td><td>83</td><td>80</td><td>3</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Opening</td><td>10</td><td>8</td><td>0</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Closing</td><td>11</td><td>8</td><td>0</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Special Investigations</td><td>41</td><td>19</td><td>0</td><td>23</td></tr></table> <div>2. A. Taylor reported that the DDC has been reviewing documented non-renewals of pharmacy licenses to determine whether closing inspections have been appropriately scheduled and completed.</div>	Type	Total	Retail	Institutional	Distributors	Inspections	83	80	3	0	Opening	10	8	0	2	Closing	11	8	0	3	Special Investigations	41	19	0	23		2. Action Item: DDC to report to A. Taylor results of its reviews of documentation of appropriate pharmacy closure procedures.
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VI. PEAC Report	Anthony Tommassello, P.E.A.C.	<div>1. A. Tommassello presented the PEAC report for March 2008 summarized in the following chart.</div> <table><tr><td>Category</td><td>Total</td></tr><tr><td>Pharmacist</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>Technician</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Pharmacy Student</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Total Self Referred</td><td>16</td></tr></table> <div></div> <table><tr><td>Drug Test Results</td><td>40</td></tr><tr><td>Client Discharges</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>Client Discharges</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>New Cases</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Self Referrals transferred to the Board</td><td>1</td></tr></table>	Category	Total	Pharmacist	12	Technician	1	Pharmacy Student	3	Total Self Referred	16	Drug Test Results	40	Client Discharges	0	Client Discharges	0	New Cases	2	Self Referrals transferred to the Board	1							
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		<table><tr><td>Board Cases requesting PEAC assistance</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Total Cases being monitored.</td><td>21</td></tr></table> <p>2. A. Tommassello reported that PEAC has changed its name to Pharmacist Education and Advocacy Counsel. It was noted that the spelling of “Counsel” was incorrect and the recommendation was made to change the name to “Council.”</p> <p>3. A. Tommassello reported that PEAC developed an initial response to the Board audit, but has withdrawn the first version and will submit the revised version after the Board meeting today.</p> <p>4. A. Tommassello reported that PEAC will be presenting a new addictions seminar in June and that the annual PEAC Seminar will occur on October 18, 2008.</p> <p>5. L. Naesea reported that the next contract for addiction services for pharmacists is in development and will begin on October 1, 2008. The contract will be in force for three years.</p>	Board Cases requesting PEAC assistance	5	Total Cases being monitored.	21		5. Action Item: Draft contract to be presented to Executive Committee in June 2008.
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VII. Legislation and Regulations	Anna Jeffers, Legislation and Regulation Manager Report	<p>1. Legislation: A. Jeffers presented a report on the status of legislation from the 2008 Maryland Legislative Session. Below are the bills that were highlighted for the Board.</p> <p>1. HB 233- Physicians and Pharmacists – Therapy Management Contracts Extension of Law; The Board developed a Position Paper in Support of the Legislation. The legislation PASSED. Effective June 1, 2008. The legislation extends the law to September 1, 2010 and will allow time for further analysis of the Program.</p> <p>2. HB 243/SB 726 Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Choice of Pharmacy Letter of Support. Legislation was withdrawn.</p> <p>3. HB 257/SB 725- Pharmacy Benefit Managers –Contracts with Pharmacies &amp; Pharmacists Letter of Support as Amended. Legislation PASSED. The requirement that the PBM’s be registered as nonresident pharmacies was removed from the legislation.</p> <p>4. HB 525- Advisory Council on Prescription Drug Monitoring - Study Letter of Support as Amended. Legislation PASSED with the Board of Pharmacy included in the council.</p> <p>5. HB 551/SB 717- Pharmacists-Administration of Vaccinations-Expanded Authority. Legislation PASSED. Authorizes pharmacists to also administer Pneumococcal pneumonia or herpes zoster vaccines. A prescription is required and the patient’s personal physician must be notified. It was noted that the APhA training program provides training on all types of vaccinations. Additional training of certified pharmacists will not be required. The Board of Pharmacy will develop draft Regulations for submission to the Boards of Nursing and Physicians.</p>						

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		<p>5. SB 767HB 1387- Health Occupations-Board of Pharmacy-Remote Automated Medications Systems. Legislation PASSED. The Board recommended 17 revisions to the legislation of which 15 were incorporated into the legislation. The Board will be required to develop Regulations which will require review and possible revision to all Regulations involving remote devices.</p> <p>6. SB 764-State Board of Dental Examiners Nomination and Disciplinary Process-Task Force on the Discipline of Health Care Professionals and Improved Patient Care. Legislation PASSED as a Study to commence on July 1, 2008 with a report to the Legislature on December 1, 2008. There will be Involvement from various Boards. The resultant recommendations will potentially affect all future Board structures and practices.</p> <p>B. The Board ratified the following previously submitted position papers and letters to legislative committees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HB 120 Pharmacy Benefit Managers – Disclosures; Letter of Support as Amended</li> <li>2. SB 141 Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program – Qualifications; Letter of Support</li> <li>3. HB 233 Physicians and Pharmacists – therapy Management Contracts – Extension of Law; Position Paper in Support</li> <li>4. HB 257 Pharmacy Benefit Managers – Choice of Pharmacy; Letter of Support as Amended</li> <li>5. HB 343 Pharmacy Benefit Managers – Therapeutic Interchanges; Letter of Support as Amended</li> <li>6. SB 723 Pharmacy Benefit Managers – Therapeutic Interchanges; Letter of Support as Amended</li> <li>7. HB 419 Pharmacy Benefit Managers – Registration; Position Paper in Support As Amended</li> <li>8. SB 722 Pharmacy Benefit Managers – Registration; Position Paper in Support As Amended</li> <li>9. HB 514/SB 775 Maryland Medbank Program – Funding; Letter of Support as Amended</li> <li>10. HB 525 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program; Letter of Support as Amended</li> <li>11. SB 717 Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccinations – Expanded Authority; Letter of Support as Amended</li> <li>12. HB 580 Pharmacy Benefit Managers – Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committees; Letter of Support as Amended</li> <li>13. SB 720 Pharmacy Benefit Managers – Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committees; Letter of Support as Amended</li> <li>14. SB 433 Pharmacy Permit Holders – Signs for Reporting Incorrectly Filled Prescriptions; Position Paper in Support as Amended</li> <li>15. HB 586 Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations – Influenza Vaccines; Letter of Concern</li> </ol>	<p>B. Motion: D. Chason, moved to ratify the positions. M. Souranis seconded the motion.</p>	<p>B. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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		<p>2. Regulations:</p> <p>A. A. Jeffers presented the Revisions to COMAR 10.34.19-Sterile Pharmaceutical Compounding. The revisions were needed to comply with recent revisions to USP 797 that take effect in June 2008.</p> <p>The changes involved revisions to the Scope, name corrections to the Incorporation by Reference, and</p> <p>.03 Added the definition of "closed system vial transfer device (CSTD)" and corrected the name of USP 795.</p> <p>Other revisions were located in:</p> <p>.06 Special Handling, A(1) and D.</p> <p>.09 Minimum Requirements for Space, B(1), (4), (5), 6(a), and C(1);</p> <p>.10 Minimum requirements for Equipment, A (1), (5), and B(2);</p> <p>.11 Minimum Requirements for Supplies, A, (1), (3) ,C, and H;</p> <p>.13 Attire, A(1), 3(a), (4) - (6), and B;</p> <p>Recommendation to add additional language to prevent the wearing of any piercings above the above the waist.</p> <p>.14 Training of Staff, Patient and Caregiver, E( 1)(a)</p> <p>.15 Quality Assurance, C, and E; and</p> <p>.16 Reference Library, A.</p> <p>B. A. Jeffers presented a letter providing Board comments to the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) concerning COMAR 10.07.02 , the Comprehensive Care Facilities and Extended Care Facilities - Pharmaceutical Services. L. Naesaa expressed appreciation to Senator Hollinger for her assistance to the OHCQ and the Board to resolve differences in positions so that patients in these settings could continue to be adequately served. OHCQ will remove dispensing language from the draft proposal and craft language to allow previously dispensed medications to be given to patients for short leaves of absence (LOA) and also upon discharge from a long term care facility.</p> <p>C. A. Jeffers presented the letter from W. Kronmiller in response to the Board of Pharmacy's comment to the published Assisted Living Programs-Re-proposal. The OHCQ will retain the six (6) month pharmacist review of the medication regimens for patients receiving nine (9) or more medications and will include herbal and OTC medications in the regimen review. These issues may be reviewed after one year.</p> <p>3. Other Matters:</p> <p>A. A. Jeffers has been invited to speak at the Senior Pharmacists Association of Maryland – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Update on May 14<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>B. A. Jeffers will participate in the NABP MPJE Item writing Workshop on June 5 and 6, 2008.</p>	<p>A. Motion:</p> <p>M. Souranis, moved to approve the revisions to the Sterile Compounding Regulations</p> <p>H. Finke seconded the motion.</p>	<p>A. Board Action:</p> <p>The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>
VIII. Administration & Public Support	Patricia Gaither, Administration and Public Support Manager	<p>1. P. Gaither reported that recruitment continues for the vacancies for the Executive Secretary and Receptionist positions. Recruitment will close on April 21, 2008.</p> <p>2. A review of the existing pool of candidates for the pharmacist inspector has not</p>		<p>2. Action Item:</p>



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		<p>resulted in any viable candidates. A new recruitment effort will be initiated and will include use of the website. Revisions to the pay scale may be needed to obtain qualified candidates. A. Taylor is reviewing applications for the final pharmacy technician inspector position.</p> <p>3. P. Gaither reported that the PEAC Audit Report has been submitted to PEAC and that a revised response will be forthcoming. The response will be provided to the Executive Committee in May. The existing contract will be extended to September 30, 2008. A. Taylor will review the language of the proposed contract to take effect on October 1, 2008. It was noted that the Contracts Department requires two (2) months for review of new contracts.</p>		<p>L. Naesea to recommend revisions to pay scale, if required, to Executive Committee in May 2007.</p> <p>Action Item: Draft contract to be presented to Executive Committee in June 2008.</p>
IX. Public Information Officer Report	Summar Goodman, Public Information Officer and Margie Bonnett, Commissioner	<p>Public Information Officer Report</p> <p>1. M. Bonnett presented the Public Relations Committee Report. The new proposed Board slogan is "Setting Standards for Public Safety." The Committee recommended having a contest for development of a logo. There has been initial contact with ITES College. The Committee will provide a recommendation for a prize.</p> <p>2. A set of three (3) new brochures is in development. The 3 new brochures are intended to serve three (3) constituencies: pharmacists, consumers and complainants. The brochures are intended to address some of the difficult questions asked by consumers and the media. Senator Hollinger recommended waiting for the results of the Task Force on Boards before developing all of the brochures.</p> <p>3. S. Goodman reported on the status of distribution of badges for Emergency Preparedness for Commissioners and volunteers. Badges are being sent in the US mail for volunteers who attended the training session. New badges may be obtained through the DHMH by sending an electronic picture and copies of drivers' licenses and pharmacist licenses in an e-mail. Commissioners expressed concern with the security of this method of renewing badges. D. Taylor asked that changes be made to accommodate the short expiration dates on the badges for the Patterson Avenue Offices.</p> <p>4. Goodman reported on the preparation for the Flower Mart scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2008 in Mount Vernon. Donations of give away item are arriving. All items are being reviewed to assure appropriateness of the information.</p>		<p>1. Action Item: Public Relations Committee to develop recommendations for a prize for the logo contest.</p> <p>2. Action Item: Public Relations Committee to develop draft versions of three (3) brochures for review by the Board.</p> <p>3. S. Goodman to research the possibility of having the expiration date removed for Commissioner access badges for Patterson Avenue Offices and to contact DHMH regarding security of e-mail transfer of personal information for the Emergency Preparedness volunteers.</p>
X. Management Information Services	Tamarra Banks, Management Information Systems Manager	<p>1. T. Banks presented the MIS statistics for the month of March 2008. There has been a reduction in reported problems with licensee access to the website. There were 15 reported problems, most of which were lost or forgotten passwords. The</p> <p>2. T. Banks reported that the Board's three websites were accessed 14,334 times and the Board received 633 e-mails in March. Much of this large increase was due to the technician registration program.</p>		

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		<p>3. T. Banks reported that the cost of a wireless connection for the Patterson Avenue offices will be \$234.</p> <p>4. T. Banks reported that the research on interactive surveys through Zirka Interactive is nearly complete.</p> <p>5. T. Banks reported that the MIS MOU with Towson University has undergone revision to the language to clarify the remaining requirements for the University's programmers.</p> <p>6. T. Banks reported that the contract with the Maryland Archives is nearly complete and is awaiting expiration of the existing contract.</p> <p>7. T. Banks reported that there has been contact with the University of Maryland at College Park regarding hiring a web support intern. The University would permit an intern if the Board follows the standard internship program requirements. M. Bonnett recommended utilizing high school students in advanced programs.</p> <p>8. D. Taylor asked that a group picture of Commissioners be placed on the Board website.</p> <p>9. D. Taylor asked that the MIS staff place additional information on the secured website to include information on Hearings including respondent names, dates, names of Commissioners scheduled to participate.</p> <p>10. T. Banks requested feedback on the use of the secured sign on procedure for the Administrative Session documents. The recommendation was to change the sign on to a quarterly basis. In addition, it was recommended to add the listing of action items to the secured website.</p>		<p>4. Action Item: T. Banks to report results of the research on interactive surveys to the Executive Committee in May 2008.</p> <p>5. Action Item: T. Banks to report status of the Towson MOU to the Executive Committee in May 2008.</p> <p>6. Action Item: T. Banks to submit a report of the status of the Archives contract to the Executive Committee in May 2008.</p> <p>7. Action Item: T. Banks to submit a proposal for an internship to the Executive Committee in May 2008.</p> <p>8. Action Item: S. Goodman to coordinate placement on the Board website in May 2008.</p> <p>9. Action Item: T. Banks and A. Taylor to develop additional functionality on the secured website by June 2008.</p> <p>10. Action Item: T. Banks to change the secured site sign on for</p>

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		<p>11. T. Banks reported that research is being conducted on how to obtain the services of an information systems consultant.</p> <p>12. T. Banks reported that the problems in printing technician certificates are resolved and that letters and certificates are being mailed out.</p> <p>13. MIS staff is assisting the DDC inspectors in writing documentation for on line reporting of inspections.</p>		<p>Commissioners to a quarterly basis.</p> <p>11. Action Item: L. Naesea to provide a proposal for an information system consultant to the Executive Committee in June 2008.</p>																																																
XI. Practice Committee	David Chason, Chair	<p>1. D. Chason reported that there were no constituent questions requiring Board approval for the month of April.</p> <p>2. D. Chason reported that regulations for prescription writing will be reviewed by the Practice Committee in April and that revisions to the Repackaging and Automation regulations are in process.</p>																																																		
XII. Licensing Committee	Michael Souranis, Chair	<p>1. M. Souranis provided the Licensing Report for the month of March 2008</p> <table><tr><td colspan="2">Pharmacists and Technicians:</td></tr><tr><td>Pharmacists Registered</td><td>Totals</td></tr><tr><td>Pharmacists</td><td>8046</td></tr><tr><td>In-state</td><td>5503</td></tr><tr><td>Out of state</td><td>2543</td></tr><tr><td>Technicians Registered</td><td>Totals</td></tr><tr><td>Total Registered</td><td>219</td></tr><tr><td>Technicians</td><td>94</td></tr><tr><td>Grandfathered</td><td>64</td></tr><tr><td>Nationally Certified</td><td>29</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Distributors:</td></tr><tr><td>In-state</td><td>175</td></tr><tr><td>Out of state</td><td>671</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Pharmacies:</td></tr><tr><td>Pharmacies</td><td>1589</td></tr><tr><td>In state</td><td>1129</td></tr><tr><td>Out of state</td><td>355</td></tr><tr><td>Waiver</td><td>105</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Monthly Report for March</td></tr><tr><td>Pharmacists Renewals</td><td>March 2008</td></tr><tr><td>Total renewed</td><td>317</td></tr><tr><td>On line applications</td><td>252</td></tr><tr><td>Paper applications</td><td>65</td></tr><tr><td>Non-renewed</td><td>30</td></tr></table> <p>Prescription Drug Repositories</p>	Pharmacists and Technicians:		Pharmacists Registered	Totals	Pharmacists	8046	In-state	5503	Out of state	2543	Technicians Registered	Totals	Total Registered	219	Technicians	94	Grandfathered	64	Nationally Certified	29	Distributors:		In-state	175	Out of state	671	Pharmacies:		Pharmacies	1589	In state	1129	Out of state	355	Waiver	105	Monthly Report for March		Pharmacists Renewals	March 2008	Total renewed	317	On line applications	252	Paper applications	65	Non-renewed	30		
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XIII. Long Term Care	Mayer Handelman, Chair	M. Handelman reported that the Long Term Care Inspection Form has been developed and is in final review.		Action Item: Inspection form to be presented to the Practice Committee in May 2008.								

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XV. New Business	Donald Taylor, Board President	There was no new business.																								
XVI. Informational	Donald Taylor, Board President	<p>1. D. Taylor reported that new rules are being applied to “split billing” of medications and that Nevada was the initial source of the information describing the procedural changes.</p> <p>2. D. Taylor reported that NABP has published a letter supporting the “White House Commitment to End Illegal Internet Drug Sales.”</p> <p>3. D. Taylor reported that a Permit Holder letter describing the inspection forms and procedures will be available on the Board’s website.</p>																								
XVII. Adjournment	Donald Taylor, Board President	The Public Meeting was adjourned at 11:09 AM. Immediately thereafter, Donald Taylor convened an Administrative Session for purposes of discussing confidential disciplinary cases. With the exception of cases requiring recusals, the Board members present at the Public Meeting continued to participate in the Administrative Session.	Motion: C. Anderson moved to adjourn the Public Meeting. H. Finke seconded the motion.	Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Public Meeting.																						

Approved by: D. Taylor, President  
D. Chason, Secretary  
L. Naesea, Executive Director